



PRINCE GEORGE’S
AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

The agricultural land area of Prince George's County lies south of Annapolis Road (Route 450) and east of the Capital Beltway (I-95 and I-495). The total land area comprising agricultural land is 47,572 acres with 19,948 acres being tillable farm land. The county's total land area is 311,301 acres with a 1990 population of 729,268 people. The population of Prince George's county increased 10 percent from the 665,071 in 1980. The number of farms in the county decreased 14 percent from 1992 to 1997 to a total of 473 farms.

Nursery and greenhouse crops, and vegetables are the major crops in the county, but tobacco still provides significant farm income. Other crops including corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and pasture add to total farm income or support the livestock production of beef, pork, wool, lamb and milk.

The county's close proximity to the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area encourages roadside stands and pick-your-own operations for fresh vegetables, strawberries and tree fruits.

The University of Maryland and its tobacco research farm, as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Center at Beltsville, are all located within Prince George's County.

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Crop	Year	Unit	Acreage Harvested	Average Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain	1997	Bu.	4,600	74.9	344,500
	1998		5,100	82.8	422,400
	1999		4,200	72.6	304,900
Corn for Silage	1997	Tons.	*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
	1999		*	*	*
Soybeans	1997	Bu.	5,900	25.9	152,900
	1998		5,200	26.0	135,000
	1999		4,900	20.4	100,200
Wheat	1997	Bu.	1,800	59.4	107,000
	1998		2,100	35.7	75,000
	1999		1,200	50.0	60,000
Hay	1997	Tons.	4,600	2.0	9,300
	1998		6,300	2.2	14,000
	1999		6,400	1.9	12,100
Barley	1997	Bu.	*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
	1999		*	*	*
Tobacco	1997	Lbs.	*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
	1999		700	1,290.0	903,200

Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 1999				Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 ¹	
Corn	20	Oats	³	Cattle	16
Wheat	21	Barley	³	Hogs	17
Hay	10	Soybeans	19	Sheep	10
Tobacco	³			Milk Production	³

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Farm Numbers & Size ¹		1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms		683	551	473
Average Size (acres)		91	99	101
Land in Farms (acres)		62,308	54,459	47,572
Livestock (Number on Farms) ¹		1987	1992	1997
Cattle Inventory	Jan. 1	3,646	3,121	3,109
Hog Inventory	Dec. 1	4,302	2,557	934
Sheep Inventory	Jan. 1	453	1,321	761
Value of Sales ¹		1987	1992	1997

----- Thousand Dollars -----

All Products	16,115	21,968	18,708
Crops	14,174	20,084	16,721
Livestock, Poultry and Poultry Products	1,940	1,884	1,988

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.
² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
³ Unranked - Data not published.
⁴ Revised.
* Acreage too small to publish.

MONTHLY WEATHER DATA - 1999

MONTH	AVERAGE TEMP. (F)	NORMAL 1961-1990	TOTAL RAINFALL (INCHES)	NORMAL 1961-1990
January	36.8	32.6	5.08	3.14
February	39.8	35.2	**2.96	3.01
March	43.1	44.8	3.84	3.34
April	55.5	54.0	2.66	3.27
May	66.9	64.0	1.53	4.17
June	73.6	72.7	1.98	3.80
July	81.9	77.0	2.12	4.38
August	77.9	75.7	4.55	4.39
September	69.9	68.6	16.03	3.60
October	57.8	57.1	3.46	3.28
November	52.6	47.2	2.02	3.40
December	41.4	37.4	3.08	3.33
Annual	58.1	55.5	**49.31	43.11

** Insufficient or partial data.

Number frost free days for 1999	205
Normal frost free days 1951-1980	175 (1961-1990 Not available)
Highest temperature 07-31-99	103
Lowest temperature 01-06-99	14

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